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PATENT APPLICATION OF:

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CONTINUATION APPLICATION OF SERIAL
NO. 08/771,052 (FILED DECEMBER 20,
1996)

TITLE: METHOD FOR OPERATING
AN ELECTRONIC MACHINE
USING A POINTING DEVICE

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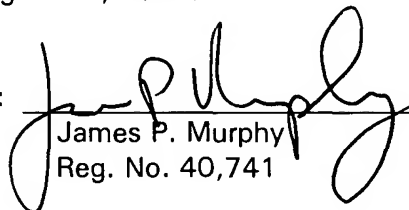
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully notes that a Petition For Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (copy attached) was filed on August 19, 2003, in the prior Continuation Application Serial No. 08/771,052, which extended the response time to August 27, 2003.

Prior to an examination of this continuation application, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

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CONTINUATION APPLICATION OF SERIAL NO.
08/771,052 (FILED DECEMBER 20, 1996) WHICH
IS A CONTINUATION OF SERIAL NO. 08/409,273

Amendments to the Title:

The Applicant has amended the title to this Application to agree with the revised title of prior Continuation Application Serial No. 08/771,052 (see Amendment And Response To Office Action filed on April 22, 1999), as follows:

**METHOD FOR OPERATING AN ELECTRONIC
MACHINE USING A POINTING DEVICE**